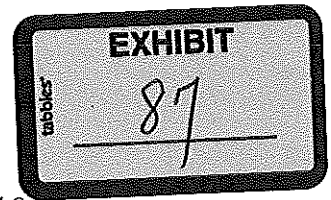


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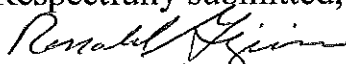
Mr. Stacey:

I strongly support the proposed stream flow regulations. As a longtime outdoorsman and fisherman, I have seen a steady improvement in the quality of water in our rivers and streams, but I have also seen some of them get alarmingly low due to many diversions that have held water back in the summer months. If we are to be successful with the "No kids Left Inside" initiative, our rivers and streams need to improve so that families will want to take their children and grandchildren fishing, swimming and boating.

I understand the need to categorize our rivers into several classes, but I don't feel that any river should be in class 4. As a young man living in Torrington, I saw the Naugatuck River so abused that I didn't think it could ever recover. Now, both trout and salmon swim there. So if the Naugatuck can be saved, no river should be written off as unsalvageable.

I fish and canoe in the Quinnipiac River, and have caught(and released) both stocked and native trout .I have helped lift both shad and herring over the dam at Quinnipiac Street and know that stripped bass come this far upriver following the herring run. The canoe trail from Yalesville to Quinnipiac Street is very picturesque and many people have enjoyed this trail.

Let me say again that I strongly support the proposed stream flow regulations, but I urge you to drop the class 4 category so that all our rivers can be targeted for future improvement.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Ronald Graziani